



Summer 2009 Comprehensive Teacher Trainings

What are the Comprehensive Teacher Trainings?

The 2009 Summer Comprehensive Teacher Training sequence is part of a 3-tiered extensive training sequence that educates professionals who work with individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Who is appropriate for the Comprehensive Teacher Trainings?

- ❖ Speech language pathologists
- ❖ Paraprofessionals
- ❖ School psychologists
- ❖ General educators
- ❖ Special educators
- ❖ Occupational therapists

The Three Tier Sequence

❖ Tier One: Core Concepts

The first Tier is typically provided in a week-long format (i.e., Summer Institute) and provides professionals with an overview of necessary core knowledge of autism spectrum disorders, including characteristics, critical evaluation of interventions, methods of instruction, IEP development, applied behavior analysis, positive behavior support, and student progress monitoring.

❖ Tier Two: Development & Assessment

Tier two is provided in a week-long format (i.e., Summer Institute). These workshops are designed to provide participants with expanded knowledge of distinct skill domains that are important for the long-term functioning of individuals with autism-spectrum disorders. Participants will learn about developmental stages, how autism-spectrum disorders impact typical development, and assessment of skills in these domains.

Skill domains include:

- ❖ Play & Leisure Skills
- ❖ Motor & Sensory Skills
- ❖ Language & Communication Skills
- ❖ Self-Monitoring Skills
- ❖ Social Skills
- ❖ Adaptive Skills
- ❖ Cognitive & Academic Skills

❖ Tier Three: Interventions

The third Tier of the trainings will provide a more in-depth training of empirically supported intervention programs, including Applied Behavior Analysis, Discrete Trial Teaching, Pivotal Response Treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, Picture Exchange Communication System, and Naturalistic Teaching Strategies (including Natural Language, Incidental Teaching, and Milieu Teaching).

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Certificates of Attendance or Mastery

- ❖ Each participant will be asked to take a pre-training and post-training quiz to assess their knowledge on the concepts discussed in each training. Those who pass the post-training quiz with a score of 80% or above will receive a *Certificate of Mastery*. Individuals who do not pass the post-training quiz will receive a *Certificate of Attendance*.
- ❖ Each participant must pass the Tier One Post-Test in order to attend any Tier Two training. If a participant does not pass the post-training exam for the Tier One training, they will have an opportunity to re-take the exam at a later date.

Continuing Education Opportunities

- ❖ *Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)*
Continuing Education Credits will be available through MU Direct for each training sequence. The cost is \$25 per certificate. If CEUs are desired, the cost for the certificate will be the participant's responsibility.
- ❖ *Graduate Course Credit*
Participants can register for Graduate Course Credit of 2.0 hours per Tier training. In order to receive credit, participants must pass a post-training exam and submit assignments relevant to the training. Participants will be sent information regarding registration through MU Direct prior to each training sequence.

Commonly Asked Questions

- ❖ **What is the cost of the trainings?** Trainings are \$500 for a week-long summer institute or \$100 per daily workshop. DESE will provide funding for Tier 1 and Tier 2 2009 Summer Institute Trainings for selected participants.
- ❖ **Can I get an electronic copy of the presentations?** No. Electronic copies of presentations are not available for participants. You will be given paper handouts for each training.
- ❖ **If I attended a part of the first sequence of Tier Two workshops, can I attend the ones I missed during the Summer Institute?** Yes. The Tier Two Summer Institute will allow individuals to register for the entire sequence or individual workshops. However, some overlap of information may occur.

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 27 – July 31, 2009	Summer Institute: Tier 1 Trainings
August 3 – August 7, 2009	Summer Institute: Tier 2 Trainings
Fall 2009 – Spring 2010	Daily workshops: Tier 3 Trainings
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